

18
Mem I give & Bequeath to my loving son Volentine
Jacob Branswell three hundred & twenty Acres of Land
lying on the North side of Long River at the lower end
of about of Land, I bought Hickler Machine, to him his
heirs & assigns forever

Mem I give & Bequeath to my loving son Richard
William Branswell the Steward of that tract of land
thought of Hickler Machine which is three hundred
& twenty Acres, to him his heirs & assigns forever
after my Loving Wife's Decease, but my Will & Desire
is that she should have a reasonable & Quiet & Indisturbance
during her Natural life

Mem my Will & Desire is that if either of them my sons before
mentioned dies, without issue that her part should go to
his other Brother & if both die without issue I desire that
the whole tract should be Equally Divided between my two
Daughters Mary Branswell & Tabitha Branswell & my
Loving Wife Joyce Branswell, to them their Heirs & assigns
forever

Mem I give & Bequeath to my loving Wife Joyce Branswell
all & every part of my Moveable Estate, during her Natural
Life, & after her Decease, my will & Desire is that
it should be Equally Divided between my four Children
Volentine & Jacob Branswell, Richard William Branswell
Mary Branswell & Tabitha Branswell to them their heirs
& assigns forever — And I do hereby constitute & appoint
my Loving friend Hickler Machine & my Loving Wife
Joyce Branswell & my Loving Brother Henry Branswell
Executors of this my last Will & Testament, Resolving &
Desiring, all former Will or Wills by me heretofore
made allowing him & us others to be my last Will &
Testament, as Witness my hand & Seal this twelfth Day of
June One thousand seven hundred & twenty one
Signed Sealed & Acknowledged Richard Branswell
in presence of John Branswell
John Branswell
John Branswell

19
At an Inferior Court of Pleas & Common Pleas held
at the County of Orange, at the Court house
in Ashland on the second Tuesday in August in
the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred &
twenty One, the Execution of the aforesaid Will was duly
proven by the Oath of John Branswell & others to be
Proved.
Just James Watson & Co.

In the name of God amen the 10th Day of September the Year
of our Lord 1768 I Thomas Berry Esquire in Orange
County in the Province of North Carolina, being sick of
Body but of perfect mind & memory thank be to Almighty
God & willing to be remembered The Uncertain Estate of this
Transitory Life, & that all flesh must of needs be Death
wherein I shall please God to call to make Consideration & said
I Declare, this my last Will & Testament, in manner &
form following, Resolving & Declaring by these Presents
that I my Testament & Testaments Will & Wills heretofore
by me made, & Declared, either by word or Writing & this
is to be taken only for my last Will & Testament, I do
Revoke, and first being Penitent & very sorry from my heart for
my sins past, most humbly Desiring forgiveness for the
same, I give & Commit my Soul to Almighty my Father
& Redeemer in whom I by the Merits of Jesus Christ
I trust & believe myself, to be saved & to have full Remission
of all my sins for my time & that my Soul with my Body
at the General Day of the Resurrection shall meet again
with God & through the Merits of Jesus Christ I
Desire to propose to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven prepared
for his Elect & chosen, & my Body to be buried in my new
Burial in a Christian Decent manner, according to the
Direction of my Executors hereafter named and appointed &
now for the Settling of my Temporal Estate I wish God
to bless & direct all that shall please God for above my
Deeds

I desire to bestow upon me, I do now give & Dispose
of the same, in manner & form following (that is to say)
First I will that all those Debts & Duties that I owe in
Wright & Conscience to any manner of Persons or Persons
Whatsoever, shall be well & truly paid or paid to
be paid within a convenient time after my Death as
by my Executors

Item I give & Bequeath unto my Dearest Beloved Wife
Elizabeth Perry all my household Furniture except
and Butcher for a Bed & Dishcloth for a Bed quilt &
Linenen have her one Bedstead & one & a half Cope-
Rope hanging to the said Bed. I give & Bequeath unto
her one good strong, if she so found, & if she is not found
I leave her in her things, I leave Colles Butcher & her wife
Lester, & Lichwin her Choice of one of my best out of
my Stock of Hogs that is now with my & Elizabeth Cow
I leave Lamb, & the Receipt of her one of the other land
of up land during her Widowhood, who to maintain
as much of the same as shall seem the best of order
of her Estate in regard to sufficient Taxes, & Lichwin
I leave to her all the Angles of what is my Property in
Pennsylvania the only to pay & satisfy only two Debts
that is due there. One to William McHenry & one to
Samuel Pafemore here

Item I give & Bequeath unto my son in Law James
Morrow One Good Cloth Coat one Good Coat &
one White Jacket one pair of White Breeches

Item I give & Bequeath unto my Dear son James Perry
the sum of Fifty pounds predeclared money, the
same to be paid out of my Estate when sold & the
money collected by my Executors Item I give & Bequeath
unto my Dear & Beloved Daughter Elizabeth Perry ten
pounds predeclared money to be paid out of the Remainder
of my Estate in manner aforesaid. Item I give & Bequeath
unto my Dear & Beloved Daughter Margaret
Morrow ten pounds predeclared money to be paid out
of the Remainder of my Estate in the same manner

as aforesaid. Item I leave & Bequeath unto my Dear & Beloved
Daughter Mary Perry five pounds the money out of the
Remainder of my Estate when collected as aforesaid &
the said five pounds to be let to use as soon as collected
into safe hands, by my Executors & the same to be paid
to her with the same use, when of age or the Marriage
Day Item I leave & Bequeath unto my Grandson William
Perry son of William Perry, five pounds the money out of the
Remainder of my Estate, the same to be
put to use, & to be paid to him when he come to age
with Lawfull Interest. Item I leave & Bequeath
unto my Granddaughter Jane Perry, the daughter of
the above said William, three pounds the money out
of the Remainder of my Estate, to be put to use as
aforesaid, & to be paid to her when of age or Marriage
Day with Lawfull Interest, as for my land, I have ordered
it to be Collected out of the Office, by my Executors
out of my Estate when the money can be made, up & a
proper office is open, for the purchase of the same & the
Land to be Equally Divided between my two Sons Thomas &
Benjamin Perry, my son Thomas to enjoy my man-
plantation & in Leases, the other Legatee full what my
son Thomas to pay five pounds, to be Equally Divided
among the other Legatee, as I do now for well & the
Wife, I leave & Bequeath of what out of the Crop that is
on the Ground, or if one or any more of the Legatee
should die before they come to age, a Lawful heir
Begetter of his or her Body that the said Legatee or
Legatee, shall be Equally Divided amongst the other Legatee
as I do appoint my son in Law James Morrow, & the
same for my Executors for to collect all Lawful Debts
to pay all Lawful demands, & make sale of all the Angles
of my Estate, not Bequeathed here above mentioned & to
give Reasonable Consideration, & take sufficient Security
according to their Direction, & pay off & settle with the
several Legatee at the proper Season when the money
become due & if the said Estate should prove Defunct
that

(22)

That there shall be an Equal Division to each party &
of it shall amount above the said Sum that there shall
be an Equal Division to each party

Signed sealed & Delivered

In Presence of me } Thomas Barry



William M. Math

Paul Harmon

At an Inferior Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions begun
re held for the County of Down at the Court house
in Whitechurch on the second Tuesday in May in the
Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & thirty one
Present his Majesty's Justices &c. the Records of the
aforesaid will was duly proved by the Oath of Paul Harmon
& others to be true

Test

James Watson C. C.

James Watson

(23)

In the name of God amen. August the eighteenth
1761. I John Boucher of Orange County & North Carolina
Planter being very sick & weak in Body but of perfect
mind and Memory. Thanks be given unto God. I have put
into mind the Mortality of my Body & knowing that it is
appointed for all men once to die, do make up & bequeath this
my last Will & Testament, That to say Principally &
first of all I give & Recommend my Soul into the hands of
almighty God. that gave it, & my Body I Recommend
to the Earth to be Buried, in a decent & Christian manner
at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but
that at the General Resurrection, I shall Receive the same
by the Mighty power of God & as touching such worldly
affairs as it hath pleased God to bestow on me in this life
I give & Recommend to be disposed of in the following manner
to wit That I give & bequeath to my well Beloved
Daughter Boucher, at her Marriage or when she leaves
her mother. Two Cows & the Colts & I give & bequeath
to my well Beloved son, James Boucher, Two Cows &
Colts when married or leave his mother. And I give &
bequeath my well Beloved Wife, Boucher Boucher
the Land & plantation, I now live on during her life
Except thirty acres of the same Land to Jacob Boucher
if he pays his part of money according to Agreement
and if when she dies I give the same Land to my son James
Boucher and I give to my well Beloved Wife all my other
Notes of Land & household Goods & Negroes & Personal
and of Cattle, During her life & when she dies, I desire
it all to be divided amongst my Children and but first
of all I do divide all my Just debts & Demands
shall be paid out of what there is I desire I bequeath
make & bequeath my well Beloved Wife my Soul Guardian
of this my last will & Testament & so hereby utterly
disallow revoke & disavow all & every other former
Testaments wills & gives bequeath & bequeath by me or any
ways names made & bequeathed (Forbearing)
live & no other to be my last Will & Testament in
Witness